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SUBJECT: GOP POSITION ON KOREAN ITEM

SUMMARY: WE HAVE IMPRESSION GOP MAY BE WAFFLING ON AT
LEAST TIMING OF ANNOUNCEMENT OF CO-SPONSORSHIP OF KOREAN
ITEM. KOREAN EMBASSY FULLY ALERT TO POSSIBLE PROBLEM
AND IS WORKING FULL BLAST WITH ITS GOVERNMENT TO KEEP
GOP IN LINE. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING DISCUSSION WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY ROMULO AUG 27,
AMBASSADOR ASKED HIM WHEN HE INTENDED TO ANNOUNCE GOP CO-
SPONSORSHIP OF KOREAN ITEM. ROMULO SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO
"SPEAK TO THIS MATTER" WHEN HE ARRIVED IN NEW YORK.
AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT ROMULO HAD INDICATED EARLIER GOP
WOULD CO-SPONSOR. ROMULO SAID THIS WAS TRUE BUT HE MUST
"STILL SPEAK TO THE MATTER IN NEW YORK".

2. DURING CONSULATTION WITH DFA ASSISTANT SECRETARY
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VERCELES AUG 28 ONGA ISSUES (SEPTTEL), POL COUNS ASKED

VERCELES FOR GOP POSITION ON KOREA. VERCELES SAID THERE WAS NO QUESTION GOP WOULD CO-SPONSOR AND THAT GENERAL ROMULO HAD PROMISED CO-SPONSORSHIP TO KOREAN AMBASSADOR HERE. POL COUNS ASKED ABOUT TIMING RE ANNOUNCEMENT OF CO-SPONSORSHIP. VERCELES SAID HE WAS NOT CERTAIN BUT THAT "HE WOULD REMIND THE GENERAL" WHEN HE WAS IN NEW YORK. VERCELES SAID GOP PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE IN NEW YORK HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO MAKE RECOMMENDATION ON TIMING OF CO-SPONSORSHIP BUT SO FAR RECOMMENDATION HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED. HE ALSO SAID THAILAND WILL PROBABLY CO-SPONSOR.

3. POL COUNS DISCUSSED GOP POSITION WITH KOREAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR KIM AUG 28. KIM SAID ROMULO HAD NOTED TO KOREAN AMBASSADOR AUG 27 THAT PHILIPPINES AND SOUTH KOREA WERE IN SAM BOAT AT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE, REASSURED AMBASSADOR OF FULL SUPPORT AT UNGA, AND RECOMMENDED THAT KOREAN FONMIN GET TO NEW YORK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. KOREAN EMBASSY HAS ASSUMED FROM THIS EXCHANGE THAT GOP IS FIRMLY IN SOUTH KOREAN CAMP, WILL CO-SPONSOR BUT WILL PROBABLY NOT DO SO VERY SOON. KIM NOTED THAT VERCELES HAD SUGGESTED EARLIER THAT GOP WOULD NOT BE FIRST NOR LAST TO CO-SPONSOR KOREAN RESOLUTION.

4. COMMENT: WE HAVE DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT ROMULO, DESPITE FIRM ASSURANCE TO AMBASSADOR AND PROMISE TO KOREAN AMBASSADOR HERE MAY BE WAFLING ON AT LEAST TIMING OF ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUPPORT OF KOREAN ITEM. KOREAN EMBASSY HERE IS WATCHING GOP VERY CLOSELY, HOWEVER, AND WILL SEEK, IN COOPERATION WITH ITS GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE THAT ROMULO KEEPS HIS WORK.
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